

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A system and method for automatically answering a call from a calling party to a
2 called party that originates via the Internet, includes and involves a data storage
3 system and processor that is coupled to the data storage system. The processor
4 is operative to initiate an automated call answering service in response to an
5 Internet telephony call from the calling party which is intended to be received by
6 the called party, to receive a message from the calling party via the Internet in
7 accordance with the automated call answering service, and to store the message
8 in the data storage system for processing by the processor in accordance with
9 the automated call answering service.